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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, PROGRAM A
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DIRECTOR, PROGRAM D

SUBJECT: Policy on External Review of the NRP

Since the National Reconnaissance Program operates under streamlined management procedures the military departments and agencies provide support as required. They do not subject NRO project matters to normal review or otherwise participate in NRO project matters except as specifically requested by the DNRO. In return for this managerial freedom, the NRO Program Directors conduct their projects under the highest ethical and moral standards with regard to the letter and intent of applicable directives and regulations.

I believe that NRO Program Directors must be provided whatever external support is necessary not only to manage their projects but also to satisfy themselves that the managerial and fiscal aspects of their projects are being conducted in accordance with the high standards required.

At present, the only agency external to the NRO having a continuing review responsibility on NRP affairs is the DCAA. This was established to provide the DNRO assurance that funds expended in support of the NRP are fully accounted for and appropriately utilized. In separate correspondence I plan to request DCAA to provide me with periodic reports on those portions of their operations involving the NRP. Other ad hoc groups have been convened at the request of the DNRO to examine particular aspects of NRP operations. One example was the Morgan Board which was convened to determine whether the rash of Agena failures could be attributed to any deficiencies in NRO management policies. Another example of an

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Such ad hoc groups, composed of individuals specifically selected for their expertise in a particular problem area, offer a definite advantage to NRP management. I encourage the employment of this type of managerial resource when necessary. You may rely on my support whenever a particular situation warrants the use of this type of resource.

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